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OFFICERS  
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TOWN OF WESTON, 1881.

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*Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.*

EDWARD COBURN, HENRY J. WHITE,  
SAMUEL H. WARREN.

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*Assessors.*

ALONZO S. FISKE, ABIJAH COBURN,  
GEORGE W. CUTTING, JR.

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*School Committee.*

REV. HOBART CLARKE, 3 years.

REV. AMOS HARRIS, 2 years.

NAHUM SMITH, 1 year. HORACE S. SEARS, 1 year.

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*Trustees of Merriam Fund.*

EDWIN HOBBS, GEORGE W. CUTTING, JR.,  
HORATIO HEWS.

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*Town Clerk.*

GEORGE W. CUTTING, JR.

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*Treasurer and Collector.*

HORACE HEWS.

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*Auditor.*

HERMAN A. TRAIN.

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*Library Committee.*

REV. AMOS HARRIS, OLIVER R. ROBBINS,  
JOHN COBURN.

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*Library Treasurer.*

HORACE HEWS.

*Burial Ground Committee.*

HENRY J. WHITE, 3 yrs. EDWARD COBURN, 2 yrs.  
 HORACE HEWS, 1 yr.

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*Road Commissioners.*

MARSHALL L. UPHAM, 3 years.  
 ALONZO S. FISKE, 2 yrs. BENJ. F. CUTTER, 1 yr.

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*Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

District No. 1.	GEORGE W. CUTTING.
" " 2.	EDWARD E. BROWN.
" " 3.	GEORGE W. DUNN.
" " 4.	DANIEL GARFIELD.
" " 5.	CHARLES S. CUTTER.
" " 6.	THOMAS IRVING.

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*Surveyors of Lumber.*

DANIEL GARFIELD, DANIEL SMITH,  
 BENJAMIN F. CUTTER.

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*Fence Viewers.*

SAMUEL F. CLARK, NATHAN BARKER,  
 HENRY J. JENNISON.

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*Field Drivers.*

MELVIN CLOUGH, CHARLES A. MOODY,  
 NATHAN BARKER.

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*Constables.*

ALONZO S. FISKE, SAMUEL H. WARREN,  
 NATHAN BARKER, JR.

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*Sealer of Weights and Measures.*

DANIEL SMITH.

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*Pound Keeper.*

FRANK D. PERRY.

# REGISTRAR'S REPORT

## FOR 1881.

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The statistics of Births, Marriages and Deaths are for the year beginning January 1, and ending December 31, and not for the fiscal year.

### BIRTHS.

Whole number, 22 ; males, 15 ; females, 7 ; both parents native, 12 ; both parents foreign, 6 ; mixed parentage, 3. Parents native of Weston, 10 ; natives of Ireland, 7 ; Nova Scotia, 4 ; England, 2 ; Cape Breton, 1 ; China, 1.

Number born in Jan., 1 ; Feb., 1 ; March, 3 ; May, 1 ; June, 4 ; July, 1 ; Aug., 1 ; Sept., 4 ; Oct., 2 ; Nov., 1 ; Dec., 3.

### MARRIAGES.

Total number registered, 10 ; first marriage of party, 18 ; second, 2. Parties native born, 19 ; foreign born, 1 ; natives of the town, 3. Marriage certificates issued, 13.

### DEATHS.

Whole number registered, 23 ; of which 10 were males, and 13 females. Of this number, 2 were under 1 year ; between 1 and 10, 4 ; between 10 and 20, 6 ; between 20 and 30, 3 ; between 30 and 40, none, between 40 and 50, 1 ; between 50 and 60, 2 ; between 60 and 70, 2 ; between 70 and 80, 1 ; between 80 and 90, 2. Oldest, 88 years.

### DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.

Old age, 2, Heart Disease, 4 ; Diphtheria, 3 ; Consumption, 2 ; Convulsions, 2 ; Pneumonia, Lung Fever, Cholera Infan-

tum, Meningitis, Epileptic Fit, Bilious Fever, Cancer of Stomach, Malignant Ulcer, Typhoid Fever, Still Born, 1 each.

Amount paid into the County Treasury on account of 104 dog licenses, \$208.20.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. CUTTING, JR., *Town Clerk.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

### STATEMENT OF EXPENSES.

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#### BILLS PRIOR.

Paid H. C. Kendall, engrossing 10 diplomas, . . . . .	\$2 50
Rand, Avery & Co., printing 150 diplomas, three kinds, . . . . .	20 00
F. W. Anthony, ribbon and express- age on programmes, . . . . .	1 15
Wm. A. Hunnewell, coal for High School, . . . . .	45 00
Oliver Ditson & Co., tuning piano, . . . . .	3 60
Thomas Todd, printing 300 pro- grammes for High School, . . . . .	7 25
A. G. Whitcomb, school furniture, . . . . .	2 62
A. Gregory, labor and stock at High and District school houses, Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, . . . . .	18 39
J. S. Gould, repairs on school houses Nos. 1, 3, . . . . .	8 53
Ralph Kenney, care High School room, winter term, . . . . .	30 00
Geo. W. Dunn, care rooms, winter term, . . . . .	34 50
Geo. H. Stratton, five cords wood, District No. 3, . . . . .	27 40
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Appropriated, . . . . .	\$200.00.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

**HIGH SCHOOL.**

Paid F. W. Anthony, three terms, . . .	\$950 00
“ “ teaching music, . . .	100 00

**INTERMEDIATE.**

Paid Miss Abbie C. Fiske, one term, . . .	120 00
Miss Sadie A. Bruce, two terms, . . .	240 00

**DISTRICT No. 1.**

Paid Miss Ellen M. Jones, three terms,	300 00
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**DISTRICT No. 2.**

Paid Miss Lillie I. Dunn, three terms, . . .	300 00
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**DISTRICT No. 3.**

Paid Miss Ida A. Gould, two and three-fourths terms, . . . . .	275 00
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**DISTRICT No. 4.**

Paid Miss Annie C. Coburn, three terms,	450 00
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**DISTRICT No. 5.**

Paid Miss Lizzie J. Viles, three terms, . . .	300 00
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**DISTRICT No. 6.**

Paid Miss Julia C. Stearns, three terms,	300 00
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**————— \$3,335 00**

Appropriated, . . . . .	\$3,200 00
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Mass. School Fund, . . . . .	169 02
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**SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.**

Paid A. S. Fiske, 5 cords wood, Dist. No. 4,	\$28 00
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Wm. N. Gowell, moving piano to and from hall, . . . . .	2 00
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M. L. Upham, improving High School yard, . . . . .	5 00
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Paid Edwin S. Carr, repairs on High School		
house, . . . . .	\$75	00
W. A. Hunnewell, coal for High Sch.,	205	47
R. J. French, labor at " . .	2	50
School Com., articles for schools, . .	68	08
" " sawing wood at Dist. No.		
4, and desk chair, . .	3	00
" care of rooms, fall term,	44	00
J. S. Gould, labor and stock on houses		
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and High School, . .	94	91
E. R. Sibley, 11 7-8 cords wood, Dist.		
Nos. 1, 2, and High School, . . .	63	17
Bigelow Gleason, sawing and moving		
wood, Dist. No. 2, . . . .	4	06
J. M. Smith, sawing and packing wood,		4 50
Geo. F. Jones, 10 cords wood, . .	50	00
Augustus Hardy & Co., blinds for		
High School building, . . . .	63	00
Frank E. Hardy, articles for schools,	31	76
J. J. Murray, for pump, . . . .	9	00
F. W. Lincoln & Co., nautical and		
surveying instruments, . . . .	25	00
F. A. Searle, printing 150 bills,		2 50
Geo. W. Cutting & Son, articles for		
schools, . . . . .	35	30
W. B. Knapp, furnace lining, grates,		
etc., . . . . .	21	18
J. M. Smith, sawing and packing wood,		
Dist. Nos. 5, 6, . . . . .	7	50
W. N. Gowell, fitting and repairing		
blinds at H. S. hall, . . . . .	10	63
Nahum Smith, various items, . . . .	11	00
H. S. Sears, " " : . .	4	60
A. G. Whitcomb, articles for schools,		1 65
W. B. Knapp, " " " . .	43	55
Geo. W. Kenney, sawing and splitting		
wood, . . . . .	75	

Paid J. J. Murray, repairing pumps, . . .	5 00
Geo. W. Kenney, sawing wood at High School, . . . . .	3 00
R. F. Greene, repairs on school-houses,	4 00
E. R. Sibley, wood for High School, .	2 85
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Amount appropriated, . . .	\$900 00

\$931 96

## HIGHWAYS.

A. S. FISKE, *Road Commissioner.*

Mar.	Geo. W. Dunn, 38 hours, . . . .	\$9 50
	Men, 91 " . . .	13 65
	Team, 55 " . . .	9 00
April.	Self, 12 1-2 days, . . . .	31 25
	Men, 39 " . . .	58 50
	Oxen, 9 " . . .	27 00
	H. A. Wheeler, men, 43 1-4 days,	64 87
	"      " horse, 14 3-4 "	22 13
	T. C. Richardson, man, 14 1-2 days,	21 75
	"      " horse, 14 1-2 "	21 75
	H. G. Russell, man, 15 3-4 days,	23 62
	"      " horse, 15 3-4 "	23 63
May.	Self, 9 1-2 days, . . . .	23 75
	Men, 16 1-2 " . . .	28 88
	Oxen, 7 1-2 " . . .	22 50
	H. A. Wheeler, men, 22 1-2 days,	39 38
	"      " horse, 2     "	3 00
	T. C. Richardson, man, 9 3-4 days,	17 07
	"      " horse, 9 3-4 "	14 63
	H. G. Russell, man, 11 1-4 days,	19 69
	"      " horse, 11 1-4 "	16 88
June.	Self, 8 1-2 days, . . . .	21 25
	Men, 33 1-2 " . . .	58 63
	Oxen, 9 " . . .	27 00

June.	H. Wheeler, man, 4 days,	.	7 00
	" horse, 2 "	.	3 00
T. C. Richardson, man, 5 days,	.	8 75	
" " horse, 5 "	.	7 50	
H. G. Russell, man, 6 3-4 days,	.	11 82	
" " horse, 6 3-4 "	.	10 13	
Sept. Self, 4 days,	.	10 00	
Men, 18 "	.	31 50	
Oxen, 2 "	.	6 00	
H. G. Russell, 8 days,	.	14 00	
" " Horse, 6 days,	.	9 00	
Oct. Self, 1 1-2 days,	.	3 75	
Men, 3 "	.	4 50	
Oxen, 1 1-2 "	.	3 75	
H. G. Russell, and horse, 1 1-2 days,	.	4 50	
			\$754 51

MARSHALL L. UPHAM, *Road Commissioner.*

Mar.	Self, 2 days,	.	\$5 00
	Man, 2 " 5 hours,	.	3 75
	Horse, 1 day,	.	1 50
April.	Self, 12 days 3 hours,	.	30 75
	Men, 61 "	.	91 50
	Horse, 18 " 3 hours,	.	27 45
	Oxen, 4 "	.	12 00
	F. A. Caswell, 8 days 8 hours,	.	13 20
	" " horse, 5 days,	.	7 50
	Scott Higgins, 9 days 7 hours,	.	14 55
	James Smith, 1 day,	.	1 50
May.	Self, 12 days 8 hours,	.	32 00
	Men, 41 " 8 "	.	73 15
	Oxen, 11 " 7 "	.	35 10
	Horse, 31 days,	.	46 50
	F. A. Caswell, 1 day,	.	1 75
	James Smith, 1 "	.	1 75
	Scott Higgins, 10 days 7 hours,	.	18 72

May. Work done in May, brought in  
on June bill :

	Self, 1 day,	.	.	.	.	2 50
	Six men, 1 day,	.	.	.	.	10 50
	Oxen, 1 "	.	.	.	.	3 00
	Three horses, 1 day,	.	.	.	.	4 50
June.	Self, 20 days 5 hours,	.	.	.	.	51 25
	8 men, 17 "	.	.	.	.	238 00
	Oxen, 14 "	.	.	.	.	42 00
	4 horses, 17 days,	.	.	.	.	102 00
Aug.	Self, 13 days,	.	.	.	.	32 50
	Men, 41 days 4 hours,	.	.	.	.	72 45
	Oxen, 11 "	.	.	.	.	33 00
	2 horses, 12 days,	.	.	.	.	36 00
Sept.	Self, 22 days,	.	.	.	.	55 00
	3 men, 18 "	.	.	.	.	94 50
	1 man, 1 day,	.	.	.	.	1 50
	Oxen, 10 days,	.	.	.	.	30 00
	3 horses, 11 "	.	.	.	.	49 50
Oct.	Self, 20 days,	.	.	.	.	50 00
	2 men, 15 "	.	.	.	.	45 00
	2 horses, 20 days,	.	.	.	.	60 00
	Oxen, 3 "	.	.	.	.	9 00
Nov.	Self, 12 days,	.	.	.	.	30 00
	Men, 31 " 5 hours,	.	.	.	.	47 25
	Oxen, 4 " 5 "	.	.	.	.	13 50
	2 horses, 7 days,	.	.	.	.	21 00
Dec.	Self, 12 days,	.	.	.	.	30 00
	3 men, 13 "	.	.	.	.	58 50
	Oxen, 9 "	.	.	.	.	27 00
	Horse, 9 " 5 hours,	.	.	.	.	14 25
Jan.	Man, 57 hours,	.	.	.	.	8 55
	Horse, 9 "	.	.	.	.	1 35
	Geo. W. Cutting & Son, tools,	.	.	.	.	30 87
						\$1,722 14

BENJAMIN F. CUTTER, *Road Commissioner.*

April.	Self, 90 hours,	.	.	.	\$22 50
	Men, 570 "	.	.	.	85 50
	Horses, 475 "	.	.	.	71 25
	Hitchcock & Brown, 15 days	3			
	hours, with horse,	.	.	.	68 85
	Thomas Irving's bill,	.	.	.	18 75
	J. Smith, 144 hours,	.	.	.	21 60
	L. Smith, 100 "	.	.	.	15 00
	D. C. Smith, 50 "	.	.	.	7 50
	N. F. Smith, 10 "	.	.	.	1 50
	Geo. F. Jones, 13 days 3 hours,				19 95
	Horse, 12 days 3 hours,	.	.	.	18 45
	C. A. Warren, 14 days 8 1-2				
	hours, with 2 horses,	.	.	.	66 83
May.	Self, 8 days,	.	.	.	20 00
	Men, 38 "	.	.	.	66 50
	Horses, 22 "	.	.	.	33 00
June.	Self, 6 "	.	.	.	15 00
	Men, 95 "	.	.	.	167 47
	Horses, 59 1-2 days,	.	.	.	89 25
	Hitchcock & Brown's bill,	.			19 50
	Powder, fuse, and sharpening drills,				4 06
Oct.	Self, 3 1-2 days,	.	.	.	8 75
	Men, 8 1-2 "	.	.	.	14 87 1-2
	Geo. F. Jones, 8 days,	.	.	.	14 00
	Horse, 7 1-2 "	.	.	.	11 25
	J. Smith, 84 hours,	.	.	.	14 70
	L. Smith, 15 "	.	.	.	2 62 1-2
	C. A. Warren, 72 hours,	.	.	.	12 60
	Horses, 72 "	.	.	.	10 80
Dec.	Self, 35 "	.	.	.	8 75
	Men, 196 "	.	.	.	34 30
	Horses, 96 "	.	.	.	14 40
	C. A. Warren and men, 68 hrs.,				11 89

Dec.	Horses, 49 1-2 hours,	.	.	7 43
	Geo. F. Jones, 12 "	.	.	2 10
	Horse, 6 "	.	.	90
	David Jacobs' bill,	.	.	21 54
				———— \$1,028 37
	Totals, . . . . .			\$3,500 02
	Appropriated, . . .			\$3,500 00

## SIDEWALKS.

Sept.	A. S. Fiske, men 15 days, .	.	\$ 26 25
	" " oxen, 1 day, .	.	3 00
Oct.	" " 4 1-2 days, .	.	11 25
	" " oxen, 7 days, .	.	17 50
	" " men, 23 days,	.	34 50
	H. G. Russell, man, 4 days,	.	7 00
	" " horse, 1 1-2 days,	.	2 25
	" " man, 9 1-2 days, ..		14 25
	" " horse, 4 1-2 days,	.	6 75
Nov.	M. L. Upham, 11 days, .	.	27 50
	" " 2 men, 17 days, .	.	51 00
	" " oxen, 6 1-2 days, .	.	19 50
	" " 2 horses, 10 days,	.	30 00
Dec.	" " 2 days, .	.	5 00
	" " 3 men, 2 days, .	.	9 00
	" " oxen, 2 days, .	.	6 00
	" " horse, 2 days, .	.	3 00
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	Appropriated, . . . . .		\$300 00
			\$278 75

## CULVERTS AND RAILINGS.

Paid W. N. Gowell, railing fence near High School-house, . . . . .	\$36 38
Geo. W. Dunn, blasting and drawing rocks, for wall near house of Mrs. Derby, . . . . .	33 79
A. S. Fiske, widening road, and lay- ing wall near his house, . . . . .	100 00
B. F. Cutter, widening and railing road near house of B. F. Field, .	91 65
M. L. Upham, setting posts and lay- ing wall near High School-house,	24 25
H. J. White, . . . . .	3 50
Scott Higgins, . . . . .	3 00
M. L. Upham, work on wall near house of Mrs. Derby, . . . . .	262 80
H. Parker, . . . . .	2 00
Scott Higgins, . . . . .	10 95
S. F. Clark, repairing two culverts,	5 00
Francis Buttrick, lumber, . . . . .	26 65
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Appropriated, . . . . .	\$600 00
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	\$599 97

## CEMETERIES.

Paid M. L. Hews, stone used in wall at Linwood Cemetery, . . . . .	12 00
Horace Hews, superintending and labor of stone posts at Linwood Cemetery, . . . . .	12 00
J. H. Curtis, design of Cemetery posts, . . . . .	12 00
H. L. Hovey, cement, . . . . .	1 50
M. Day & Co., cement and express- age, . . . . .	4 00

Paid A. K. Munroe, putting foundation for stone posts, . . . . .	1 90
(The above bills were due March 1, 1881.)	
Henry J. White, labor at Linwood Cemetery, . . . . .	22 50
Geo. W. Cutting & Son, articles for Cemeteries, . . . . .	4 09
John Poutas, stone work at Linwood Cemetery, . . . . .	60 00
C. F. Parks, services as civil engi- neer, . . . . .	5 30
Freeman Jennison, labor at various times, . . . . .	39 01
M. L. Hews, horse, . . . . .	3 96
Marshall Gleason, labor, . . . . .	1 50
Horace Hews, superintending and labor, . . . . .	35 52
O. W. Hutchins, mowing South burial ground, . . . . .	2 50
Charles A. Hardy, mowing Old burial ground, . . . . .	1 50
George Sanderson, plants for Ceme- tery, . . . . .	3 00
Edward Coburn, trustee, . . . . .	5 00
Henry J. White, " . . . . .	5 00
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Appropriated, . . . . .	\$300 00
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	232 28

## TOWN INCIDENTALS AND CONTINGENCIES.

Paid C. M. A. Twitchell, printing Town Reports, . . . . .	\$83 24
Horace Hews, distributing Town Re- ports, . . . . .	3 50

Paid Horace Hews, expressing and examining proof, . . . . .	\$3 00
George Phinney, Town order book, . . . . .	3 50
"    " Auditor's blanks, . . . . .	3 00
Bradford & Williams, Auditor's blank book and stationery, . . . . .	4 60
Geo. W. Dunn, breaking out roads, . . . . .	17 15
J. S. Gould, repairs on Town pump, . . . . .	4 12
Christopher White, raising halyards, . . . . .	4 00
A. M. Loker, damage received by defect in highway, . . . . .	12 50
John Coburn, preparing Catalogue and examining proof, . . . . .	94 05
John Coburn, preparing Index to Catalogue, . . . . .	7 25
O. R. Robbins, work on Catalogue, . . . . .	16 00
Greene & Co., 1 lamp, . . . . .	2 50
Readers and Writers Economy Co., ledger slips, . . . . .	4 68
Rockwell & Churchill, 500 copies Library Catalogues, . . . . .	196 51
Lockwood, Brooks & Co., 1 Catalogue of Accessions and 1 record book, . . . . .	8 50
Lockwood, Brooks & Co., binding 300 Catalogues, . . . . .	42 00
Geo. M. Stevens, repairs on Town clock, . . . . .	4 10
Charles Wark, repairs on hearse harness, . . . . .	10 90
Town of Lincoln, tax, . . . . .	4 90
M. L. Upham, paint and labor on fence near High School house, . . . . .	51 52
M. L. Upham, powder and fuse, . . . . .	6 00
John Warren, gravel, . . . . .	20 76
C. A. Warren, " . . . . .	10 00
S. F. Clark, " . . . . .	15 00
David Jacobs, " . . . . .	3 80

Paid Francis Hastings, gravel, . . . .	15 00
Charles Jones, " . . . .	1 20
A. S. Fiske, articles for highways, . .	6 04
Albert Washburn, 1 day, . . . .	3 00
Daniel Garfield, repairing tools for highways, . . . . .	8 85
Joel Upham, repairing tools for high- ways, . . . . .	7 53
George Upham, repairing tools for highways, . . . . .	8 12
J. G. & N. G. Gooch, lumber for Auburndale bridge, . . . .	90 00
Allen Jordan, labor and stock on Slack's bridge, . . . .	13 25
Allen Jordan, labor and stock for bridge on Concord Street, . . .	50 33
Geo. H. Jones, return of deaths, . .	2 00
Henry S. Milton, services with Over- seers of Poor, . . . . .	5 00
Henry S. Milton, services procuring affidavit, . . . . .	2 00
Henry S. Milton, services location of Amer. Rapid Telegraph Co., . .	20 00
Henry S. Milton, services examining records as to bridge over Mass. Cen- tral R. R., . . . . .	3 00
Henry S. Milton, services drafting petition to Mass. Central R. R. for gates at crossings, . . . .	2 00
Osgood & Perry, agents Springfield Fire Ins. Co., on Town House, . .	40 00
Geo. W. Cutting & Son, articles for library, " " " " for Town	11 93
Hall, . . . . .	27 10
W. A. Hunnewell, coal for Town Hall,	8 25
Theodore Jones, painting mouldings, desk, etc., . . . . .	3 00

Paid C. F. Parks, services as civil engineer,	28	35
Daniel Smith, labor on table, . . .	1	00
A. S. Fiske, services as Constable, and administering oath to Town Officers,	15	00
A. S. Fiske, examining bank and cor- poration taxes, . . . . .	5	00
A. S. Fiske, invoice books and sta- tionery for Assessors, . . . . .	5	35
A. S. Fiske, gravel, . . . . .	10	00
"    " removing rocks from grav- el pit and side of road, . . . . .	20	95
Edward Coburn, stationery and postage,	4	31
Horace Hews, " "	5	18
John Coburn, items for Library, . .	1	66
"    " care of Town Hall, .	26	20

*Snow Bills.*

A. S. Fiske, men and team, . . . . .	22	55
Edward Coburn, . . . . .	6	00
Marshall Cutting, . . . . .	6	00
Jesse S. Viles, . . . . .	5	25
H. A. Wheeler, . . . . .	1	20
T. C. Richardson, . . . . .	1	20
H. G. Russell, . . . . .	3	45
E. S. Russell, . . . . .	1	20
J. F. Warren, . . . . .	1	95
Frank Tucker, . . . . .	2	10
T. Connolly, . . . . .	3	45
M. Connolly, . . . . .	1	50
Marshall L. Upham, men and team, .	67	80
H. Hagar, . . . . .	6	30
David Perry, . . . . .	6	30
H. F. Davis, . . . . .	2	10
Curtis Robinson, . . . . .	1	50
E. E. & H. L. Brown, . . . . .	9	30
D. Eldridge, . . . . .	6	88
H. J. White, . . . . .	3	00

Paid F. A. Caswell,	.	.	.	.	3 00
Nathan Barker,	.	.	.	.	3 30
F. A. Robinson,	.	.	.	.	2 25
George Sanderson,	.	.	.	.	3 60
George E. Sanderson,	.	.	.	.	2 40
George W. Dunn,	.	.	.	.	18 75
Benj. F. Cutter, men and team,	.				20 25
D. Jackson,	.	.	.	.	6 75
C. M. Hagar,	.	.	.	.	11 40
George Wyman,	.	.	.	.	3 60
W. S. Seaverns,	.	.	.	.	10 05
R. Seaverns,	.	.	.	.	3 00
E. Jennings,	.	.	.	.	11 63
I. Lovewell,	.	.	.	.	3 00
George F. Jones,	.	.	.	.	3 45
V. Heys,	.	.	.	.	75
D. Conly,	.	.	.	.	2 70
H. Travis,	.	.	.	.	1 05
David Jacobs,	.	.	.	.	5 40
S. F. Clark,	.	.	.	.	2 25
Moses Spofford,	.	.	.	.	2 55
George D. Hitchcock,	.	.	.	.	98
Charles Morse,	.	.	.	.	1 55
Lorenzo Smith,	.	.	.	.	1 20
L. Smith,	.	.	.	.	2 55
Peter White,	.	.	.	.	1 43
William Cooper,	.	.	.	.	1 27
George Lovewell,	.	.	.	.	1 50
Total,	.	.	.	.	———— \$1,378 32
Appropriated,	.	.	\$1,700 00		

## SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edward Coburn, Selectman, . . .	\$40 00
Henry J. White, " . .	25 00
Samuel H. Warren, " . .	25 00
Alonzo S. Fiske, Assessor, . . .	85 00
Abijah Coburn, " . .	38 00
Geo. W. Cutting, Jr., " . .	38 00
Rev. Amos Harris, School Committee, .	50 00
Rev. Hobart Clark, " " .	50 00
Nahum Smith, " " .	50 00
Horace S. Sears, " " .	50 00
Geo. W. Cutting, Jr., Town Clerk, .	65 25
Alonzo S. Fiske, Road Commissioner, .	5 00
Horace Hews, Collector and Treas'r .	250 00
John Coburn, Librarian, with Assist't, .	155' 00
Herman A. Train, Auditor, . . .	40 00
Appropriated, . . .	\$1,000 00
	—————
	\$966 25

## INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

Paid Waltham Bank, and sundry notes, . . . \$1,163 91  
Appropriated, . . . \$1,250 00

## DISCOUNTS AND ABATEMENTS.

Amount, . . . . . \$595 07  
Appropriated, . . . \$800 00

Removing ledge and gravel near Unitarian parsonage, . . . . . \$100 00  
Appropriated, . . . . . \$100 00

Grading road to School-house No. 4, . . . . \$101 50  
Appropriated, . . . . \$100 00

Building wall and railing on Nathan Barker's land, \$225 00  
Appropriated, . . . . \$300 00

LIBRARY.

Paid Library Treasurer, . . . . . \$196 13  
Appropriated dog tax, refunded, \$196.13

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers of Poor, support at Alms- house, . . . . .	\$305 40
Overseers of Poor, outside relief, .	508 93
	<u>      </u> \$814 33
Appropriated, . . . . .	\$800 00

(For items, see Overseers' Report.)

## MILITARY AID.

Paid John W. Stowell, . . . . . \$24 00

## STATE AID.

Paid Mrs. Harriet F. Stimpson,	.	.	.	\$48 00
Mrs. Martha Tucker,	.	.	.	48 00
Lemuel A. Smith,	.	.	.	48 00
Hosea F. Traverse,	.	.	.	48 00
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				\$192 00

*Auditor's Account with the Collector and Treasurer.*

Dr.

To Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1881, . . . . .	\$3,017 07
Uncollected Taxes, " " . . . . .	1,373 46
Waltham Bank, in anticipation of taxes, . . . . .	6,000 00
Commonwealth of Mass. Cor. Tax, 1880, . . . . .	16 26
"    "    "    1881, . . . . .	6,878 65
"    "    Bank Tax, . . . . .	2,136 96
"    "    State Aid, . . . . .	63 00
"    "    Military Aid, . . . . .	144 00
"    "    School Fund, . . . . .	169 02
Sale of burial lots, . . . . .	94 00
Hay and plank, . . . . .	16 10
Gravel, . . . . .	2 00
Auctioneer's License, . . . . .	2 00
Rent of Nonsuch Pond, . . . . .	5 00
Support of State Paupers, . . . . .	25 71
Burial, " " . . . . .	10 00
Marshall L. Hews, Loan, . . . . .	1,750 00
County Treasurer, dog tax refunded, . . . . .	199 87
Rent of Town Hall, . . . . .	17 00
Weighing Fees, . . . . .	22 42
Parish Committee Bap. Society fuel, . . . . .	2 00
Interest on Taxes, . . . . .	39 59
Assessors' list of Taxes for 1881, . . . . .	11,721 34
	\$33,205 45

*Auditor's Account with the Collector and Treasurer.*

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Cash Paid Bills Prior,	• . . . .	\$200 94
" Schools,	• . . . .	3,335 00
" School Incidentals,	• . . . .	931 96
" Highways,	• . . . .	8500 02
" Culverts and Railings,	• . . . .	599 97
" Sidewalks,	• . . . .	273 75
" Cemeteries,	• . . . .	232 28
" Town Incidentals, and Contingencies,	• . . . .	1,378 32
" Town Officers,	• . . . .	966 25
" Support of Poor,	• . . . .	814 33
" Interest on debt,	• . . . .	1,163 91
" Discount and Abatements,	• . . . .	595 07
" Town Debt,	• . . . .	4,000 00
" Library,	• . . . .	196 13
" Rem. ledge and gravel, near Unitarian Parsonage,		100 00
" Grading road to School-house No. 4,	• . . . .	101 50
" Building wall & railing on Nathan Barker's land,		225 00
" State Aid,	• . . . .	192 00
" Military Aid,	• . . . .	24 00
" Temporary Loan at Waltham Bank,	• . . . .	6,000 00
" Marshall L. Hews, Loan,	• . . . .	1,750 00
" State Tax,	• . . . .	1,380 00
" County Tax,	• . . . .	693 46
		\$28,653 89
Uncollected Taxes,	• . . . .	1,400 93
Cash in Treasury,	• . . . .	3,150 63
		\$33,205 45

## AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

## DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Estate of Almira Peirce,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,500 00
Mary F. Peirce,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
Edward Peirce,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
Charles H. Fiske, executor,	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,500 00
Abigail Jones,	.	.	.	.	.	.	800 00
First Parish, Weston,	.	.	.	.	.	.	400 00
Trustees Town Library Fund,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,400 00
Trustees of Silent Poor Fund,	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,208 00
Marshall L. Hews,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,750 00
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							\$16,558 00

## ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Cash in Treasury,	.	.	.	.	.	\$3,150 63
Uncollected Taxes,	.	.	.	.	.	1,400 93
Due from State Aid,	.	.	.	.	.	192 00
						_____
						\$4,743 56
						_____
Total indebtedness,	.	.	.	.	.	\$11,814 44
Decrease of debt,	.	.	.	.	.	\$4,113 03

## ASSESSOR'S VALUATION MAY 1, 1881,

Total value of Real Estate, . . . . .	\$979,900 00
Total value of Personal Estate, . . . . .	676,666 00
Total value, . . . . .	\$1,656,566 00
Number of polls, . . . . .	394
" dwelling-houses, . . . . .	254
" horses, . . . . .	359
" cows, . . . . .	746
" sheep, . . . . .	22
" acres taxed, . . . . .	10,367

## RATE PER CENT.,

State Tax on property, . . . . .	.59 per \$1,000
County " " . . . . .	.17 " "
Town " " . . . . .	\$5.84 " "
Total " " . . . . .	\$6.60 " "

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN A. TRAIN, *Auditor.*

*Weston, March 1, 1882.*

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

\*Account closed before balance of Corporation Tax was received.

## CR.

By paid State of Massachusetts, State Tax,	.	\$1,380 00
" County of Middlesex, County Tax,	.	693 46
" Waltham National Bank, temporary loan,	.	6,000 00
" Estate of A. H. Fiske, permanent loan,	.	3,500 00
"       " Marshall Hews, " "	.	2,250 00
" Sundry persons, Selectmen's orders,	.	14,830 43
Balance in Treasury,	.	3,150 63
		—————
		\$31,804 52

HORACE HEWS, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, March 1, 1882.

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## TAXES UNCOLLECTED.

Tax of 1880,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$34 06
" 1881,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,366 87
												—————
												\$1,400 93

HORACE HEWS, *Collector.*

WESTON, March 1, 1882.

**REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN  
AND  
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.**

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The Almshouse remains under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Otis H. Penniman, whose services the Town has been favored with for the past eight years. Since our last report two of the inmates have died of consumption. John Corbett, aged 18 years, died July 12; and Thomas Corbett, Sept. 8, aged 45 years. There now remains two — Frank B. Nelson, aged 25 years, and Thomas Corbett, aged 17 years. The number of tramps cared for at the Almshouse during the year was 83.

**RECEIPTS FROM THE FARM.**

Cash received from sale of milk,	.	.	.	.	\$756	11
" " "	6 cows,	:	.	.	250	00
" " "	calves, .	.	.	.	46	00
" " "	pork, .	.	.	.	31	32
" " "	poultry, .	.	.	.	5	50
" " "	potatoes, .	.	.	.	27	80
" " "	pickles, .	.	.	.	125	36
" " "	corn and rye, .	.	.	.	15	72
" " "	rye straw, .	.	.	.	17	30
" " "	wood and old iron, .	.	.	.	7	00
" " "	peas, .	.	.	.	25	00
" Board of Mrs. W. Dudley,	.	.	.	.	94	00
" " Irving D. Prentiss,	.	.	.	.	40	00
" Treasury,	.	.	.	.	305	40
					\$1,746	51

## EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid	Otis H. Penniman, superintending,	.	\$350 00
"	groceries, . . . . .	.	171 47
"	grain and flour, . . . . .	.	264 07
"	Brewer's grains, . . . . .	.	142 75
"	sprouts, . . . . .	.	40 53
"	meat, . . . . .	.	76 80
"	fish, . . . . .	.	13 62
"	7 cows, . . . . .	.	356 50
"	calves, . . . . .	.	4 00
"	shots, . . . . .	.	21 00
"	hay, . . . . .	.	16 75
"	coal, . . . . .	.	36 33
"	farming tools, grass and pickle seed,	.	27 03
"	salt and soap, . . . . .	.	9 55
"	blacksmith, . . . . .	.	22 00
"	household goods, . . . . .	.	2 68
"	boots, shoes and clothing, . . . . .	.	54 53
"	repairs, . . . . .	.	14 60
"	pasturing cow, . . . . .	.	6 00
"	labor, . . . . .	.	12 00
"	medicine, . . . . .	.	9 05
"	medical attendance, . . . . .	.	6 25
"	burial expenses of John and Thomas Cor-		
	bett, . . . . .	.	44 00
"	Overseer's salary, . . . . .	.	45 00
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			\$1,746 51

## OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Cash paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board of Mrs.	
Mary Bacon, . . . . .	\$173 68
" Commonwealth of Mass., board of Joseph H. Seaverns, . . . . .	91 25
" Mrs. Robert Fiske, board of three Percell children, . . . . .	156 00
" Medical attendance, nursing, and burial of Ellen Geelen, a State pauper, . . . . .	88 00
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	\$508 93
Cost at Almshouse, . . . . .	305 40
	_____
	\$814 33
Returned from State on account of Ellen Gee- len (now in treasury), . . . . .	35 71
	_____
Total cost, . . . . .	\$778 62

The Selectmen make the following report of Estimate of Expenditures for the ensuing year:

For Schools, . . . . .	\$3,300 00
" School Incidentals, . . . . .	1,000 00
" Support of Poor, . . . . .	800 00
" Cemeteries, . . . . .	300 00
" Interest on Debt, . . . . .	1,050 00
" Salaries of Town Officers, . . . . .	1,000 00
" Discount and Abatements, . . . . .	800 00
" Town Incidentals, . . . . .	1,700 00
" Highways, . . . . .	3 000 00
" Sidewalks, . . . . .	200 00
" Culverts and Railings, . . . . .	500 00
" Town Debt, . . . . .	5,000 00
	_____
	\$18,650 00

The following names will be reported at the Annual March Meeting, to be placed in the Jury box, subject to the revision of the Town :

Henry L. Brown,	Charles H. Livermore,
Samuel F. Clark,	Charles Morse,
Abijah Coburn,	Edward Pierce,
John Coburn,	William S. Seaverns,
Marshall Cutting;	Nahum Smith,
Hiram Garfield,	Charles E. Smith,
Francis Hastings, 2d,	Herman Train,
Henry J. Jennison,	Samuel H. Warren,
Mordicai G. Leadbetter,	Henry J. White.

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## TOWN WARRANT.

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Articles in Warrant for Town Meeting to be held March 20, 1882.

The meeting will be called at 12 o'clock, noon.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 3. To act upon the reports of the several boards of Town Officers, and also to act upon the report of any Committee chosen by the Town.

ARTICLE 4. To grant and appropriate such sums of money as may be thought necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year and also to pay any part of the Town Debt.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money

in anticipation of the Taxes, and act anything relative to the Collecting of Taxes.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will accept the List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Dollars for the purchase of text books for use in our public schools.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote a sum of money for the purpose of grading and widening the road leading from the Town House to the Weston Station on the Fitchburg Railroad, or act anything relative to said road.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, to be used in erecting and maintaining street lamps.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars, to be used in painting the Town and High School house.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD COBURN,  
HENRY J. WHITE,  
SAMUEL H. WARREN. } *Selectmen  
of  
Weston.*

# REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

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The Road Commissioners of Weston submit to the Town the following report.

The regular appropriations for Highways have been expended in different parts of the Town apportioned as near as practicable to the former votes of the Town, the details of which will be found in the Auditors report.

The special appropriations have been expended and the various objects for which they were granted accomplished, with the exception of that for Barker's Wall (so called,) which is unfinished, owing to the fact that the person taking the contract failed to keep his agreement to have the work done at a specified time.

The several crossings of the Massachusetts Central Railroad and the approaches thereto are yet in an unfinished state. We have been exceedingly annoyed by the dilatory manner of the Railroad Co., and have endeavored in concert with the Selectmen and County Commissioners to have these crossings and approaches graded and finished. We trust and believe that the coming season these matters will be satisfactorily adjusted.

The thanks of the Town are due to Gen. Paine, for his generous gift of a liberal sum of money for the purpose of purchasing crushed stone to put upon our Highways, which without doubt makes the very best of roads, but with our present limited appropriations the Town could do but very little in the way of using them.

We would renew the recommendations of former years that liberal appropriations be made for Highways. Our taxes are very reasonable, and can continue so if the right policy is pursued ; our debt is insignificant, our public buildings are in good order and probably all that will be required for some years to come, and considering these circumstances, we believe the time has come when it is our duty to devote more money and energy to the improvement of our streets and highways.

Respectfully submitted,

•ALONZO S. FISKE,  
BENJ. F. CUTTER,  
MARSHALL L. UPHAM, } *Road  
Commissioners.*

**REPORT**  
OF THE  
**Committee on Street Names.**

The Committee chosen at the last annual meeting to select appropriate names for the principal roads in the town, respectfully submit the following names to the consideration of the inhabitants.

For convenience of reference the roads are classified by school districts in which they are located.

**DISTRICT No. 1.**

Names.	Roads named.
Western Avenue, . . .	Road leading from Stony Brook to Wayland.
Church Street, . . .	“ Town Hall to Hobbs Cor.
Forest “ . . .	“ Unitarian Parsonage to Lincoln.
School “ . . .	“ by High School House to Maple St.
Maple “ . . .	“ from Mr. Beal’s house to Old Soldier’s Home.

Names.	Roads named.
Pond Street, . . .	Road leading from Mrs. Ellis' house to Roberts' Mill.
Crescent Street, . . .	" from H. D. Bowen's house to Mrs. Derby's house.
Newton Street, . . .	" from Maple St. to Cutter's Cor.
Ash Street, . . .	" from Newton St. to South road.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

High Street, . . .	Road leading from Western Ave to South road.
Elm " . . .	" Mrs. Weston's house to High St.
Chestnut Street,	" from High St. to Maple St.
Cherry "	" from Western Ave. to Bond's Cor.
Fiske Avenue,	" " to Cherry St.

#### DISTRICT No. 3.

Concord Ave., . . .	Road leading from Bond's Cor. to Lincoln.
Silver Street, . . .	" " " to North road.
Sudbury Street,	" " Concord Ave. to Wayland.

#### DISTRICT No. 4.

North Avenue, . . .	Road leading from Waltham to Lincoln.
Lexington St., . . .	" " North Ave. to N. Waltham.
Lincoln Street,	" " " to Lincoln.
Viles Street, . . .	" " " to J. S. Viles' house.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

Boylston St., . . .	Road leading from Auburndale to Cochituate.
Oak Street, . . .	" " Boylston, near Mr. Morse's house.
River Street, . . .	" " Boylston, to Newton Lower Falls.
South "	" Boylston St. to Waltham.
Loring Place,	" " South St. to Miss Loring's house.
Ware Street,	" " Boylston St. to Newton St.,

## DISTRICT No. 6.

Names.	Roads named.
Blossom St.,	Road leading from Boylston St. to Wellesley.
Glen Road,	" " Blossom, to Newton Lower Falls.
Winter Street,	" " Boylston St. to Natick.
Brown Street,	" " Blossom St. to Winter Street.
Cross "	" Boylston St. to High St., near H. Leadbetter's house.
Pine Street,	" " Boylston St. to High St., near Greenwood farm.
Bogle Street,	" " A. Loker's house to Mr. Irving's house.

In selecting the above names we have endeavored to consult the wishes of the residents upon the streets named, but in many cases they have failed to indicate their choice of a name. In such cases the committee have used their best judgment in the selection of a name, but they trust that any resident upon a street, or any other person who has another name to suggest in place of the one selected by the committee, will be furnished ample opportunity to do so.

For the Committee,

H. S. MILTON, SECRETARY.

R E P O R T  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES.

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The Trustees of Cemeteries, in presenting their Annual Report, would call attention to the continued improvements in Linwood Cemetery.

Some additional stone work has been done to complete the design at the entrance of the Cemetery. Within the Cemetery, Highland Path has been graded, and some lots have been improved by grading and top-dressing.

Three lots have been sold the past year, making the whole number sold 27. Whole number of interments, 39.

In the other burial-grounds the ordinary labor has been done.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received for burial lots, . . . . .	\$94 00
" " hay, . . . . .	15 00
" " plank, . . . . .	1 10
Appropriated, . . . . .	300 00
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	\$410 10

EXPENDITURES.

LINWOOD CEMETERY.

Sundry workmen and team, . . . . .	\$58 02
John Pontas, for stone work, . . . . .	60 00
Surveying and stakes, . . . . .	5 30
Making and recording deeds, . . . . .	1 50
Manure, . . . . .	3 25
Unpaid bills, 1881, . . . . .	43 40
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	\$171 47

## LINWOOD AVENUE.

Sundry workmen, . . . . .	\$5 85
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## CENTRE BURIAL GROUND.

Sundry workmen, . . . . .	\$34 72
Horse-hire, . . . . .	1 16
Plants, . . . . .	3 00
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	\$38 88

## SOUTH BURIAL GROUND.

For labor, . . . . .	\$2 50
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## OLD BURIAL GROUND.

For labor, . . . . .	\$2 22
Trustees for services, . . . . .	\$10 00
Other expenses, . . . . .	1 36
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	\$11 36

Amount of expenses, . . . . .	\$232 28
Balance unexpended, . . . . .	177 82

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE HEWS,  
HENRY J. WHITE,  
EDWARD COBURN, } *Trustees.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT  
OF THE  
MERRIAM FUND FOR THE SILENT POOR.

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DR.
Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1881, . . . . .
Interest on Fund, . . . . .
\$372 45
CR.
Paid Trustees' orders, . . . . .
Balance unexpended, . . . . .
\$372 45

HORACE HEWS, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, March 1, 1882.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "WILLOW LANE" BROOK.

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The Committee appointed by the Town at its last annual meeting to cause a survey to be made of Willow Lane brook, submit to the Town the following report made by the Civil Engineer employed for that purpose.

ALONZO S. FISKE,  
EDWARD COBURN,  
NATHAN BARKER, } *Committee.*

WALTHAM, Jan. 27, 1882.

To Alonzo Fiske, Edward Coburn, and Nathan Barker, Committee of the Town of Weston, Mass. ; —

GENTLEMEN : —

In accordance with your request, I have examined the brook lying southerly from and near the Main Road in your village, and beg leave to submit the following report.

My instructions were, to report some feasible plan for lowering the level of the water in the brook, during the Summer or dry season, so as to afford better drainage to the adjoining meadows. Since receiving the above instructions from you, I have visited the brook several times and kept careful watch of the rise and fall of the water. I have also taken levels at different points which I find to be as follows. Assuming the level of the surface of the pond in Mr. Beal's estate to be 40 feet, then the relative heights of the surface of the water, are :

At end of Culvert, south side of Main Road,	Forty and three-tenths feet.
At bridge in land of Michael Quinn,	Forty and five-tenths feet.
At end of Culvert, east side of "Willow Lane,"	Forty one feet.
At end of Culvert, west side of "Willow Lane,"	Forty one feet.
At angle in brook, 325 feet west of "Willow Lane,"	Forty one and twenty-five one hundredths feet.
At upper side of gravel knoll, land of T. Jones,	Forty one and eighty-seven one hundredths feet.

At bridge, in land of E. O. Clark,

Forty one and ninety-three one hundredths feet.

At bridge, in land of Edward Coburn,

Forty two and nine one hundredths feet.

The above table shows a difference of 2 09-100 feet, or 25 inches.

Beginning at the highest point, in Mr. Coburn's meadow, and working east as far as the upper side of the gravel bank, the difference in height is 2 3-4 inches. This section of the brook is through a strata of mud or meadow muck, and the water is held back by a rank growth of weeds or water grasses. These weeds make obstructions which collect silt, and form little dams, through which the water percolates very slowly.

The next obstruction is the gravel bank, in land of Mr. T. Jones. Apparently at some previous date, the brook has been diverted from its original course, and a new channel cut through at this point. The sides were walled up at the time, but now a portion of the wall has fallen in, and forms quite a serious obstruction as will be seen by the difference in level above and below, which amounts to 7 1-2 inches.

Between this point and "Willow Lane," there is a difference of three inches caused entirely by the brook being choked with weeds. At the culvert at "Willow Lane" there is no loss at present; the height of the water being the same at both ends. When the obstructions are removed from below, however, it will be necessary to lower the bottom a few inches, which can be done without injury to the walls if proper care be taken.

Between "Willow Lane" and the bridge in land of Mr. Quinn, the course of the brook is through hard, gravelly land. At this point, the channel is very narrow and shows considerable current. The loss in this section is about 6 inches. Between this bridge and the Main Road, the loss is 2 1-4 inches and is caused entirely by weeds. The only remaining obstruction is in the culvert under the Main Road and amounts to 3 1-2 inches. It will be impossible to make available the entire 25 inches of fall, but by following out the following suggestions, 15 or 20 inches can be utilized. This 15 or 20 inches, however, will apply only to the meadows lying west of "Willow Lane."

In order to treat the subject understandingly, it will be necessary to divide it into two parts: all the area lying west of "Willow Lane" forming the first part, and all east forming the second.

In order to suitably drain the first part for agricultural purposes, it will be necessary to lower the water from 12 to 15 inches below its present level, and to do this, the brook must be cleaned of all weeds and water grasses. This seems to me to be the most serious difficulty to overcome or at least the one likely to cause the greatest amount of trouble in the future. In cleaning, great care should be taken that all the roots are dug out and removed, otherwise the brook will soon fill up again.

I can recommend no inexpensive method by which this evil can be entirely avoided, but if care be taken in the future to carefully dig out the roots, once or twice a year, little or no trouble will be experienced.

After removing the weeds, the channel through the gravel knoll in Mr. Jones' land should be cleaned out, widened, and made at least 20 inches deeper; the culvert under "Willow Lane" should be deepened to a point about 12 inches below the present level of the water; and the channel between "Willow Lane" and the bridge in Mr. Quinn's land should be widened and dug at least 12 inches deeper. In the second part, it will be impossible to lower the water more than 3 or 4 inches unless the dam in Mr. Beal's estate is lowered. All that can be done is to thoroughly clean the brook of weeds, and to lower the bottom of the culvert under the Main Road about 4 inches.

If it is thought desirable, however, to thoroughly drain the meadow, it will be necessary to lower the dam about one foot, and to rebuild the culvert at a lower grade.

#### AS TO THE COST OF THE WORK.

I have given this part of the subject considerable thought. It is impossible to give a reliable estimate of the cost, owing to the difficulties likely to arise in removing the weeds and roots, but so far as I am able to determine after allowing a considerable margin for contingencies, the cost will be about as follows:—

For all work as far as the Main Road, . . . . .	\$180 00
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Rebuilding culvert under Main Road and	
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lowering dam, . . . . .	125 00
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Total, . . . . .	305 00
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Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. PARKS, *Civil Engineer.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

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THE Committee chosen by the Town at its annual meeting in March, last, to draft a Code of By-laws, recommend the adoption of the following articles:

CHARLES H. FISKE,  
OLIVER ROBBINS,  
ALONZO S. FISKE, }  
Committee.

1. Notice of every Town Meeting shall be given by posting a copy of the Warrant therefor, in three or more public places in the Town at least seven days before the time appointed for such meeting. Such further notice of any Town Meeting may be given as the Selectmen deem proper.

In case of the adjournment of any Town Meeting from one day to another, the Town Clerk shall cause notice of the time and place of holding such adjourned meeting to be posted at the Post Office, which notice shall state the business to come before such adjourned meeting.

2. The Town Clerk shall attend punctually at the time and place appointed for any Town Meeting, and, as soon as twelve voters are present, call the meeting to order, and proceed forthwith to read the Warrant for the meeting and the return of the person, or persons who notified it, and if it appears to him that said meeting was legally called and notified, he shall then call upon the voters present to bring in their votes for a Moderator, (if one be required at said meeting), and he shall preside until a Moderator is chosen, and assumes the Office.

3. No action shall be had at any Town Meeting on the report of any Committee previously chosen to report on any matter involving the expenditure of money, unless the same shall be specially notified in the Warrant, calling such meeting.

4. No vote fixing the period for closing a ballot shall be reconsidered after said ballot shall have begun, but an extension of the time may be had by vote without reconsideration.

5. No vote involving the expenditure of any sum of money exceeding one hundred dollars shall be reconsidered at the same meeting at which it is passed, unless public notice of the intention to move such reconsideration be given within thirty minutes of the passage of such

vote. The Clerk shall note in writing the time of the passage of such vote, and also the time when the notice of reconsideration is given.

6. Every motion or order which is of a complicated nature, or of unusual length, shall be reduced to writing, and all other motions at the pleasure of the presiding officer.

7. The powers and duties of the presiding officer not specially provided for by Law or by the By-laws, shall be determined by the rules of practice contained in Cushing's Manual, so far as they are adapted to the conditions and powers of the Town.

8. The financial year shall begin on the first day of March, and end on the last day of February, following.

9. The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the Monday before the last Saturday in March in each year at such time and place as the Selectmen may appoint.

10. The Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Auditor, (if any) Treasurer and Collector, with such other Boards of Town Officers or Committees of the Town as may be deemed expedient, shall report annually all matters pertaining to their several departments relating to the general interest and welfare of the Town.

The Selectmen shall also report an estimate of the sums of money needed to defray the necessary charges and expenditures of the Town for the ensuing year.

The Selectmen shall cause the several reports, together with a copy of their Warrant, calling the Annual Meeting in March to be printed, and a copy of the same to be left at the residence of every voter in Town (if known) two days, at least, before the time appointed for said Annual Meeting.

11. The Selectmen shall hold regular business meetings of which due notice shall be given.

12. All bills against the Town shall be made out in detail with the proper date for each item, and shall be presented to the Auditor (if any,) if none, to the Selectmen for examination and approval ; and no bills shall be paid by the Treasurer within forty-eight hours after such presentation and approval.

13. The Selectmen shall at least once in every six months, and as much oftener as they think proper, examine thoroughly the books of the Treasurer, and ascertain the condition of the Treasury.

14. A discount of five per cent. shall be made and allowed on all taxes paid on or before October 15th, in each year. All taxes shall

become due, and payable February 1st, of the year next succeeding the assessment thereof, and interest at the legal rate per annum shall be added to all taxes then unpaid; and all real estate on which taxes remain unpaid the first day of the following August, shall be sold by the Collector according to Law. The Collector shall cause this section to be printed upon all tax bills.

15. The balance of any appropriation remaining after the object for which the money was appropriated, has been accomplished, shall be covered into the Treasury, and shall be liable for any draft of the Selectmen for contingencies.

16. No money of the Town shall be paid from the Treasury, except upon approved bills by or written orders of the Selectmen, or a majority thereof.

17. The Town Treasurer shall not borrow any money in behalf of the Town, upon any promissory note, executed by him, as such Treasurer, unless said note is first countersigned by the Selectmen.

18. All boards of standing Town Officers shall cause records of their doings and accounts to be kept in suitable books, the person having charge of the same shall transmit them to his successor in office. Whenever any vote affecting the duties of any Town Officers is passed, the Clerk shall transmit a copy of the same to such officer or officers who shall enter it upon the records of the board.

19. No person shall pasture cattle, or other animals, without a keeper, in, or upon any of the streets or ways of the Town, and in no event without first obtaining the consent of the owner or occupant of the adjoining land.

20. No member of the Board of Selectmen, or any officer, appointed by the legal voters of the Town authorized to make any contracts or agreements in behalf of the Town for labor, materials, goods, wares or merchandise furnished to the Town, or for a loan of money, shall be interested in a private capacity, either directly or indirectly in such contracts, agreements, or loan, nor shall either directly or indirectly for himself, or for any other person, receive any commission, discount, bonus, present or reward from the persons making such sale, loan, contract or agreement for furnishing such goods, wares, merchandise or money.

21. Whenever any new street shall have been laid out or the direction of an old one altered, by the Selectmen or Road Commissioners, and accepted and allowed by the Town, no entry for the purpose of

constructing such way or any part thereof shall be made until all claims for damages, by reason thereof, shall have been finally adjusted or determined, unless such entry shall be authorized by special vote of the Town.

22. No building shall be moved over a public street, without a written permit from the Road Commissioners, if any, if not from the Selectmen, and no such permit shall be given when such removal will cause any destruction or injury to any tree or shrub, standing in the street, or owned by any citizen, and projecting over the street, without first obtaining the written consent of the person on or in front of whose premises such tree or shrub may stand.

23. If any building shall be moved over or through any public street, or square, the owner of such building, and the persons moving the same shall be jointly and severally liable to the Town for all damages, costs and expenses for which the Town may be liable, or which they may be compelled to pay in consequence of such removal or of any obstruction, incumbrance or injury occasioned thereby.

24. No person shall place, or cause to be placed in any public street or square, without a written license from the Road Commissioners, if any, if not, from the Selectmen, any rubbish, dirt, wood, timber, or other material, to obstruct, or mar the appearance of the street or sidewalk.

25. No occupant of any house where there is or has been recently any case of small-pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, or other infectious or contagious disease, shall be permitted to attend any public school in the Town, until a certificate of a regular physician, that there is no longer danger of infection, is obtained and presented to the Teacher. The School Committee shall post, or cause to be posted, a copy of this section in every school room of the Town.

26. No person shall behave themselves in a rude or disorderly manner, or use any indecent, profane, or insulting language in any public place in the Town, or near any dwelling-house or other building therein, or be and remain upon any sidewalk, doorstep, or other projection from any house or building so as to annoy or disturb any person, or obstruct any passage to the same.

27. No person shall tie or fasten any horse, cattle or team, to any of the trees planted in any public highway, street, or public lands of the Town, or drive into the same any nails, spikes, hooks or clasps, nor affix any boards thereto.

28. No person shall post, affix, or in any way attach any poster, handbill, notice, advertisement or placard, or paint, draw, or stamp any letter, notice, figure or advertisement, or mark upon or into, or otherwise deface any wall, fence, post, tree, building, or structure, not his own within the Town, without the permission of the owner of said wall, fence, post, tree, building, or structure.

28. No person shall fire or discharge any gun, fowling piece, or firearms, on any street, way or land of the Town, or on any private grounds except with the consent of the owner, provided however that this By-Law shall not apply to the use of such weapons at any Military exercise or review, or in the lawful defence of the person and family, or property of any citizen.

30. Every violation of the foregoing By-Laws shall be punished by a fine of not less than Two Dollars, nor more than Twenty Dollars, to be recovered by complaint before any Trial Justice or District Court in the County of Middlesex, and all penalties recovered for such violation shall be paid into the Treasury of the town, to enure to such use as the Town shall from time to time direct.

# Report of the School Committee.

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Time in its rapid flight has brought us to that period when, according to the law of the Commonwealth, as well as the rules of the town, we are required to make and submit our annual report of the condition of our educational interests for your consideration.

The Committee consists of the following names:—

Amos Harris, term expires in . . . . .	1883
Horace S. Sears, " . . . . .	1882
Nahum Smith, " . . . . .	1882
Hobart Clark, " . . . . .	1884

The general Committee, officered and divided into sub-committees, is as follows:—

Amos Harris, Chairman.

Horace S. Sears, Secretary.

Nahum Smith, } Sub-committee on finance and repairs.  
Horace S. Sears, }

Nahum Smith, Sub-committee on music.

Hobart Clark, } Sub-committee on text-books and course of study.  
Amos Harris,

School No. I. Under the Special care of Hobart Clark.

" II.	"	"	"	Amos Harris.
" III.	"	"	"	Nahum Smith.
" IV.	"	"	"	Horace S. Sears.
" V.	"	"	"	Nahum Smith.
" VI.	"	"	"	Amos Harris.

Intermediate and High School under the charge of the whole Committee.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

F. W. ANTHONY, Principal.

It affords us pleasure to report that there has been no change of Principal during the year. The course of study previously adopted has been pursued by the scholars. Experience, however, has convinced the present Board that we are attempting to cover too much ground, considering the number of years embraced in the course. Admirable work has been done by all the classes, considering the number of studies and the time allowed to each. We are quite sure that more desirable and available results can be obtained by dispensing with some three or more branches and concentrating the mental forces of the scholars on a less number. Such a revision of the course will demand great

care and practical discrimination. The question is also under advisement, arising from the increasing interest of the scholars, whether the languages, either ancient or modern, shall be introduced into the course. If either of the above is selected it will be left optional with the scholar whether he will study it or not. Undoubtedly a good knowledge of the German language, for many reasons, would be of great utility.

The course of Mathematics is of a high character, and if a sufficient understanding of the principles, included in the course, is obtained the scholar's mind will be sufficiently furnished for all ordinary purposes in life. The manner observed in examinations, while imposing a great amount of labor on the Principal, is worthy of high commendation. There is a weekly oral examination, a monthly written examination, and then a more general written examination at the close of each term. The manner of awarding diplomas is based on the average rank of the examinations at the close of each term during the last year. Possibly a change might be made for the better, so as to have the award extend over two years instead of one. There are some scholars who have made unusual progress in their studies, and therefore of corresponding discipline of mind. Close application and persevering effort has indeed been highly rewarded. The rank of the whole school is worthy of commendation. The senior class were all awarded the first diplomas. The system of marking has served to stimulate our scholars, and the importance of an education awakens a growing conviction which culminates in the last year of the course in influencing the scholar to make the most of his opportunities.

A portion of the time is devoted each day to the cultivation of the voice, under the direction of the Principal. The school is now divided into three parts, which has served to awaken more interest than formerly in this exercise.

Calisthenics are taught in some of our Primary Schools with desirable effect. Undoubtedly better results would be seen if the same was properly observed in the High School.

In reviewing the year the Board feel that the appropriations intrusted to their care have been judiciously expended. Our Primary teachers have had experience in the practical work of the school-room for years. They are young ladies of excellent character, of marked individuality and with one exception graduates of our High School. We trust that their services will be secured for the next year.

The increasing number of the alumni of the High School, and the rank with which the classes graduate, certainly is prophetic of good for the education of our youth in the future.

AMOS HARRIS,

*Chairman of School Committee.*

#### THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS ABBIE C. FISKE and MISS SARAH A. BRUCE, Teachers.

The first term of the year was taught by Miss Fiske. The school gave evidence of effective effort at the examination at the close of the term. The

discipline was excellent, and secured in a most happy manner. During vacation Miss Fiske resigned her position. Her resignation was reluctantly accepted. Her natural qualifications, as well as acquired, by a protracted experience rendered her services very desirable. The Committee regret exceedingly to have any change of teachers, if it can possibly be avoided consistent with the best interests of the school. After repeated efforts to obtain a teacher to succeed Miss Fiske, your Committee secured the services of Miss Bruce, of Salem, a graduate of the Normal School of that city. Miss Bruce has had but little practical experience in the school-room.

The first class, though small, has done good work, and we trust will be promoted to make up the number who will leave the High School by graduation. Some members of the second class have improved their time in a credible manner. The number being quite large there is a commendable rivalry. There is no reason why they may not rank among our best scholars. There are others who have not learned how to study or to prize their opportunities. The inspiration, however, which the pupils derive from being associated with the members of the High School is invaluable. It is very evident that no other division of our scholars into schools will yield such results as the present. This school in its composition includes scholars from the different parts of the town whose habits and current of thought differ in very many respects. It requires very peculiar talent to harmonize these different elements, and obtain the desired results. The important relation, therefore, of this school to the High is vital to the intellectual growth of our youth. Recognizing this fact, your Committee feel that the best of talent is requisite, even at an additional expense than at present, in giving direction to the impulses of our pupils at this important period of their school life. They watch with unabated interest this school in its pivotal position and spare no effort or expense in their power to render it both attractive and useful.

AMOS HARRIS,

*Sub-Committee.*

#### SCHOOL NO. 1.—EAST CENTRE DISTRICT.

MISS ELLEN M. JONES, Teacher.

The record of this school the last year has been one of steady and decided progress. The indications of improvement in the spirit and work of the school that were noticed at the close of the last school year have been confirmed, and the hopes then expressed for the future of the school have been in a great degree realized. In place of the careless deportment, the noise, and restlessness in the school-room, then only too manifest, there have now been attained (without any excessive use of discipline) habits of quiet promptness, and order; while, at the same time, the increased interest of nearly all the scholars in their studies is very marked. This happy state of affairs is doubtless due, in a great measure, to the pleasant relations now thoroughly established between the teacher and her pupils.

There is still room for improvement on the part of the parents in the matter of visiting the school.

HOBART CLARK,  
*Sub-Committee.*

SCHOOL NO. 2.—WEST CENTRE DISTRICT.

MISS LILLIE I. DUNN, Teacher.

The steady good work of this school continues, and the cheerful, homelike atmosphere of the school-room still remains.

In spite of much sickness during the winter term the attendance has been good, and progress has been made. The school seems to easily maintain its pre-eminence in the matter of music, many of the scholars reading notes quite readily, and, aside from the pleasure which all the children seem to find and to give by singing their songs, your Committee believes that the influence of this study has been helpful in another way: it seems to arouse enthusiasm for all their work, and so put increased life and spirit into all the exercises of the school.

Another characteristic of this school is the unusually intelligent and often expressive reading done in all the classes, which is doubtless due in a great measure to the practical way in which English Grammar is here taught.

HOBART CLARK,  
*Sub-Committee.*

SCHOOL NO. 3.—NORTH WEST DISTRICT.

MISS IDA A. GOULD, Teacher.

After cloud and storm, sunshine, after the gloom of night, the light of morn, so, after the winter of our discontent, came the pleasant spring, the bright autumn, and the winter of earnest, hearty work, and so from out the shadows, come the lights of school life.

I am sure it was apparent to all who had the privilege of being present at the close of this school, or who had visited it during the past year, that both teacher and scholars were thoroughly earnest in their work, and that there was the sustaining spirit of sympathy from *all* the friends outside.

A feature of this school is a spirit of inquiry; they want to know, and to know why. Now this spirit which *exists* in all young minds, must have been encouraged and fostered on the part of the presiding spirit that directs their minds, to have developed to such prominence that an interrogation point might be taken as the insignia of the school. And so this leads to the practical part of all teaching, that goes beyond the texts and forms, and should get to the every day application of all knowledge. And so were we pleased with the practical in Geography which should begin in our own town of Weston, then go up and down the length and breath of our State, from Cape Cod to the Berkshire

Hills. Of course we don't mean that the practice of Geography with that of charity should end at home, but it certainly *should begin there*.

NAHUM SMITH,

*Sub-Committee.*

#### SCHOOL NO. 4.—NORTH-EAST DISTRICT.

MISS ANNA C. COBURN, Teacher.

It must have been apparent to any one witnessing the swinging tramp of the long lines as they filed out with such fine precision, the closing day of the school, that that march was the indication of the pervading spirit of the school in all its bearings, and thus was its key-note sounded.

This school, the largest in number, and perhaps the most difficult of any one in town to bring under salutary discipline, is looked up to with special interest by teachers and friends outside its borders. But whatever its reputation may have been in the past, I think in the present we all must regard it with unmixed satisfaction. It has been the pride of this school under its present direction to show the smallest number of tardy and absent marks, but the evil fates have been against it this year, as nearly every ill to which suffering children are liable has afflicted it through the whole year.

Perhaps we should write something about the singing, only we fear that Committee on Music has been a little negligent in *his* special duty towards the school, but, for all that, we are quite sure that we all were pleased with both the solo and unison of the closing day.

This school has many precious little jewels, of whom we shall always think with pleasure, and whose future good we shall watch with anxious solicitude.

NAHUM SMITH,

*Sub-Committee.*

#### SCHOOL NO. 5.—SOUTH-EAST DISTRICT.

MISS LIZZIE J. VILES, Teacher.

This school goes quietly on in its annual round, whether visited or neglected, and we are sure that if started the first day of the school year we would find, at the end of the same, its work well and faithfully done. So under its quiet exterior that there exists a real vitality, and earnest spirit and love of work, and kindly feeling is evinced by the fact that those fully competent to go up a step higher chose to remain in the wonted circle, and perhaps outstrip in the race some more ambitious ones, who vainly hope to supplement deficient scholarship by *entry* at the High School. Personally, I heartily commend the example of these patient waiters, especially to the *far away ones*, *not to hurry away from their familiar circle until fully equipped for advanced duty*.

The "succession" of artists never fails here, but transmits its pleasant gift to succeeding generations of youthful workers, a feature hitherto peculiar to this school, but other talent has entered this field, and it must look to its laurels.

As an example of faithful direction, earnest work, and cordial co-operation, we think this quiet school will evidence the good result of harmony and constant application.

NAHUM SMITH,  
*Sub-Committee.*

SCHOOL NO 6.—SOUTH WEST DISTRICT.

• MISS JULIA C. STEARNS, Teacher.

Miss Stearns has now taught this school for four terms. The interest in the school is good, both on the part of the parents and scholars. The whole number of pupils is not so large as formerly. The discipline of the school is in a healthy condition. The progress made in the studies is commendable. The drawings upon the blackboard on the day of examination were of rare excellence. Scholars possessing ability to execute such designs should be encouraged and talent cultivated. The singing formed a very attractive feature of the exercises of examination. We have seldom listened to a school where *all* sung so acceptably. The Committee are very desirous that what has been so well begun in this respect, may be continued and rendered as perfect as possible.

Calisthenics have been introduced into the school during the past year. The scholars evidently enjoyed the exercise very much, and the effect on them was very marked. The school appeared better than ever before, under the present teacher. We most sincerely trust that by the hearty co-operation of parents, the school will prove to be the medium of increasing usefulness to the scholars.

AMOS HARRIS,  
*Sub-Committee.*

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

	High School.	Intermediate.	East Centre.	West Centre.	North West.	North East.	South East.	South West.	Summary.
Whole number of scholars, . . .	33	21	28	28	21	54	32	23	240
Average membership, . . .	28	18	26	25	16	42	26	19	200
Average attendance, . . .	26	17	23	23	14	36	22	16	177
Tardy marks, . . . .	74	10	60	54	58	32	25	18	331
Visits from parents, . . . .	* 1	4	7	15	12	21	14	3	77
Visits from Committee, . . .	43	31	16	19	20	19	14	14	176
Visits from others, . . . .	90	66	46	48	37	76	26	30	419

\* Mrs. Oliver N. Kenney.

Scholars neither absent nor tardy during the year :— *High School*—Ettie N. Newbury, Minnie J. Bemis. *Intermediate*—Carrie B. Coburn. *East Centre*—Lizzie G. Miller. *West Centre*—Alfred Sibley, Harry Cowan. *North East*, for two years—Florence M. Coburn, Ida F. Warren. *South East*—Fannie Fiske. *South West*—William F. Smith, Lottie P. Smith. William H. Smith and Sidney Smith not absent, and tardy once only.

## **REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

ON

## **FINANCE AND REPAIRS.**

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Your Committee regret to report an exhausted treasury, and outstanding bills for about \$150, the deficiency being largely accounted for by the cost of placing inside blinds in School Hall, and repairing the roof of the High School house, the slates on which were poorly laid, and will require continual replacing to keep the roof from leaking badly. It is useless to discuss now the expediency of erecting the High School building, but the town must expect a large annual expenditure to keep a building of its size, occupied by fifty scholars, in good repair. The heating and janitorship alone cost \$200 per annum. It also needs to be re-painted.

Much work has been done to the other school houses, by re-laying platforms and steps, strengthening foundations, re-grading, etc., and they are in good repair externally. All necessary work has been done thoroughly. We have been cautious in expenditure, yet liberal where the bodily and moral welfare of the children required it. Some of the primary school houses are rather dingy and shabby inside, and should be re-papered and painted. The two south buildings must soon be re-plastered. As custodians of the town's property, we submit these wants to its judgment, and ask for appropriations. As school influences and surroundings affect so largely the mental and moral growth of the children who will make or unmake the Weston of the future, how important even from a material standpoint to have those surroundings cheerful and attractive. Personally it concerns your Committee no more than other citizens. We can spend to good advantage all the town is willing to grant us.

The entering class in the Intermediate School promises to be large. There may be insufficient seating room for all in the High School room. If so, as there is no other room available for the Intermediate School, we shall have one temporarily constructed in School Hall, which will increase our expenses.

Your Committee have this year furnished books at lowest wholesale publishers prices, directly to the pupils, effecting for them a large saving in money, time and trouble. More than ever convinced from this experience of the desirability of furnishing the books at the town's expense, while frankly acknowledging the objections urged against it, we again ask for an appropriation for this purpose. The expense in subsequent years would not be more than half that of the first year. Our teachers' salaries are not above the average—some below; the running expenses of the schools are not exorbitant; and this wealthy town can easily afford to appropriate the sum asked for, thus relieving

parents with large families of a considerable expense, simplifying the work of the Committee, and making our schools "free" in fact as well as in name.

HORACE S. SEARS, }  
NAHUM SMITH, } Sub-Committee.

### **Report of the Library Committee.**

The Library Committee respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending March 1, 1882.

Number of books purchased during the year, . . . . .	178
" " " presented " " " . .	53
" " " taken out " " " . .	8641

(For financial exhibit see Treasurer's Report.)

Donations of books and pamphlets have been received from the following sources, viz.: Thomas Minns, Esq.; Col. D. S. Lamson, Herbert Merriam, Esq.; Hon. William Claflin, Gen. W. B. Hazen, D. Appleton & Co., Rev. Edward G. Porter, Mrs. C. J. Paine, Mrs. D. S. Lamson, Cobden Club—London; Mass. State Board of Health, Bureau of Education, Boston Public Library, Southbridge Public Library, and the American Unitarian Association.

The following Magazines are received regularly, and are allowed to circulate, to be kept out one week only: Harper's, Scribner's, Lippincott's, Popular Science Monthly, Atlantic, North American Review, Nineteenth Century, and the Unitarian Review; the latter, together with the Christian Register, are received from the A. U. Association free of expense.

The records show that 1172 more books have been taken out the past year than during any previous year. This seems to indicate that the Library rather more than holds its own in public favor.

The experience of the past year has fully convinced us that it would be better to open the Library twice a week. The Librarian has had an assistant much of the time, but, notwithstanding this, there has been much complaint of delay in getting books,—this

is not from any fault, however, on the part of the Librarian or his assistant, but because too many people choose the same hours to come for books. If the patronage of the Library could be divided between two days we think the convenience of the public would thereby be promoted, and the labor of the Librarian made easier. We recommend that the Library be opened on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the usual hours. The card system which has been in operation during the past year works well. Each card bears the number of the page where the corresponding account is to be found on the record book, thus saving the Librarian much time and trouble. Cards can be had free at the Librarian's desk. Every family in town is entitled to one catalogue free — additional ones may be had at cost.

We again invite attention to Putnam's Best Reading, a copy of which may always be found upon the Library table, and another is in the reference library. It is an excellent guide when one wishes to find the best book upon any subject.

We have nothing to say about the character of the books purchased the past year. The annexed catalogue will enable people to judge for themselves.

We recommend that the dog tax be appropriated for the use of the Library.

It affords us pleasure to refer to the picture of Rev. Edmund H. Sears, D.D., which has been kindly placed in the Library by his widow, Ellen B. Sears, by invitation of the Library Committee. Mr. Sears has endeared himself, both by his life and his writings, to a large circle of friends at home and abroad. His books are read and appreciated wherever the English language is spoken. Weston is, we believe, generally known as his home, and it seems to us that for this, if for no other reason, it is desirable that his picture should be in some public place in town where it may be seen not only by our own people, but also by strangers visiting the place.

OLIVER R. ROBBINS,  
AMOS HARRIS,  
JOHN COBURN, } Committee.

## Library Treasurer's Account.

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